¶ The demandes Joyous.

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pysse a droppe. ¶ Demaunde what thynge is it that neuer was nor neuer shall be. R. Neuer mouse made her nest in a cattes ere. ¶ Demaunde. Why dryue men dogges out of the chyrche. R. Bycause they come not vp and offre. ¶ Demaunde. Why come dogges so often to the chyrche. R. Bycause whan they se the aulters couered they wene they mayster goo thyder to dyner. ¶ Demaunde. Why dooth a dogge tourne hym thryes a bouts or ꝑ he lyeth hym downe. R. Bycause he knoweth not his beddes hede frome the fete. ¶ Demaunde. Why doo men make an ouen in the towne. R. For bycause they can not make the towne in the ouen. ¶ Demaunde. What beest is it that hath her tayle bytwene her eyen. R. it is a catte whan she lycketh her arse. ¶ Demaunde. Whiche is the mooste cleynlyest leke amonge all other leues. R. it is holly leues / for noo body wyll not wype his arse with them. ¶ Demaunde. Who was he that lete the fyrst farte at rome. R. That was the arse. ¶ Demaunde. How may a man knowe or perceyue a cowe in a flocke of shepe. R. By syghte. ¶ Demaunde. What thynge is it that hathe hornes at the arse. R. It is a sacke. ¶ Demaunde. What almes is worst bestowed that men gyue. R. That is to a blynde man / for as he hathe ony thynge gyuen hym / he wolde with good wyll se hym hanged by the necke that gaue it hym. ¶ Demaunde. Wherfore set they vpon chyrche steples more a cocke than a henne. R. yf men sholde sette there a henne sely wolde laye egges / and ryby wolde fall vpon mennes hedes. ¶ Demaunde what thynge is it that hathe none ende. R. A bowle. ¶ Demaun-

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asse hathe so grete eres. ℞. Bycause her moder put no begyn on her heed in her yought. ¶ Demaũde what is it that is a wryte and is no man/and he dothe that no man can/and yet it serueth bothe god and man. ℞ That is a be. ¶ Demaũde. Whiche was fyrst ẏ henne or ẏ egge. ℞. The henne whã god made her. ¶ Demaunde. Why dothe an oxe or a cowe lye. ℞. Bycause she can not sytte. ¶ Demaũde what people be they that loue not in no wyse to be prayed for. ℞. They be beggers & poore people whã men say god helpe them whan they aske almes. ¶ Demaũde. How many strawes go to a gose nest. ℞. None for lacke of fete. ¶ Demaunde. What tyme in the yere bereth a gose moost feders. ℞. Whan the gander is vpon her backe. ¶ Demaunde what was he that slewe the fourth parte of the worlde. ℞. Cayne whan that he slewe his broder abell in the whiche tyme was but foure persones in the worlde. ¶ Demaunde. What was he that was begoten or his fader/and borne or his moder/and had the maydenhede of his beldame. ℞. That was Abell. ¶ Demaunde. What thre thynges be they that the worlde is moost mayntened by. ℞. That is to wete by wordes erbes and stones. Why with wordes man worshyppeth god/and as of erbes that is all maner of corne that man is fedde with/and as stones onẽ is that gryndeth the corne and the other encreaseth the worlde. De. What is ẏ aege of a felde mous. ℞. A yere And a hedge may stande thre mous lyues/and the lyfe of a dogge is the terme of thre hedges standynge & the lyfe of a hors is thre dogges lyues/and the lyfe of a man is thre hors lyues/and the lyfe of a gose is thre

mennes lyues / and ẏ lyfe of a swanne thre gose lyues
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the lyfe of an egle is thre swalowes lyues / and the ly-
fe of a serpent is thre egles lyues / and the lyfe of a ra-
uen is thre serpentes lyues / and the lyfe of a harte is
thre rauens lyues / and an oke groweth. v. hondreth
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and it fadeth fyue hondreth yere besyde the rote why
che doubleth thre tymes euerychе of the thre aeges a
foresayd. ¶ Demaunde. A man had thre doughters
of thre aeges / whiche doughters he delyuered to sell
certayne apples / and he toke to the ledest doughter. l.
apples / and to the seconde. xxx. apples / and to the yon
gest ten apples / and all these thre solde in lyke many
for a peny / and brought home in lyke moche money
now how many solde eche of them for a peny. R. The
yongest solde fyrst seuen for a peny / and the other two
systers solde after the same pryce / than ẏ eldest syster
had one odde apple lefte / and the seconde syster two /
and the yongest thre apples / now these apples lyked
the byer soo well that in contynent he came agayne to
the yongest syster and bought of her thre apples after
thre pens a pece / than had she ten pens / and the secon
de thoughte she wolde kepe the same pryce / and solde
her two apples for thre pens a pece and than had she
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lyuynge bacwarde. res. That is rope maker. ¶ De-
maunde. what people be tho that geteth theyr lyuyn-

ge moost merylyest. R. Tho be prestes & fullers / for one syngeth and the other daunceth. ¶ Demaunde. What is he that made all and solde all / & he ẏ bought all loste all. R. Asmyth made an alle and solde it / and the shomaker ẏ bought it lost it. ¶ Demaunde whether is it bett to lyue by thefte or by almes dedes. R. The rewarde of thefte is to behanged / and yf thou lyue by almes dedes that is by beggers tordes.

¶ Thus endeth ẏ Demaundes Joyous
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